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Rains, abundant in some districts, terminated drought in most of the Argentine corn zone early in January. Although recovery is difficult to evaluate, field reports state that damage is irreparable over large acreage where estimates indicate only half a crop will be obtained. Approximation of total 1938-39 Argentine corn crop ranges from 177,000,000 to 236,000,000 bushels as compared with 174,163,000 bushels harvested in 1937-38. (Agricultural Attaché P. O. Nyhus, Buenos Aires.)

Uruguay 1938-39 crop estimates placed as follows, with 1937-38 comparisons in parentheses: Wheat 1,342,000 acres (1,375,000) 15,285,000 bushels (16,575,000); oats 262,000 acres (221,000), 5,374,000 bushels (3,329,000); flaxseed 455,000 acres (332,000), 5,039,000 bushels (3,728,000). (International Institute of Agriculture, Rome.)

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India Places New Duty on Imports of Wheat and Flour

Effective December 7, 1938, India imposed a new import duty on wheat and flour, according to a report from United States Vice Consul Richard W. Byrd at Calcutta. This amounts to 1.5 rupees per hundredweight or about 28 cents per bushel, and is to continue in force until March 31, 1940. Previously, there was no duty on any of the grains, but imports of flour paid 25 percent ad valorem.

It is said that imported wheat has been entering the country at prices that prevented the sale of domestic wheat in the vicinity of ports. Furthermore, Indian wheat could not be profitably exported at current world prices. The new duty not only offsets the difference between the price of domestic and that of foreign wheat but will take care of a possible increase in the spread between domestic and foreign prices. It is expected to cause a cessation of wheat and flour imports into India this season and will work a particular hardship on Australian wheat, which has been entering the country in some volume since the beginning of the new marketing year.

Italy Lowers Import Duty on Corn

Corn, other than white, from countries receiving most-favored-nation treatment may now be imported into Italy at the reduced rate of 15 lire per quintal (20 cents per bushel), instead of 25 lire (33 cents) that has been in effect since March 31, 1937, according to recent trade reports. This reduction was probably made because of the rather short 1938 domestic crop and the increased utilization of corn, resulting from the obligatory admixture of corn meal to wheat flour. The new rate would apply to yellow corn from the United States.

Manchurian 1938-39 Soybean Supply Above Last Year's

The Manchurian soybean supply for the 1938-39 marketing year (October-September), including the crop and carry-over, is slightly larger than that of the previous season, according to a report received from Owen L. Dawson of the Shanghai office of the Foreign Agricultural Service. It is expected that exports of soybeans and soybean products will exceed those of last season because of the increased supply and the promotion of exports by governmental agencies. Favorable trade arrangements within the yen bloc (Japan, Manchuria, and Japanese-occupied territory of China) and recent trade agreements with some European countries support this possibility.

The large demand for Manchurian beans is expected to continue from Germany, and takings may be increased this season following the more liberal provisions of the new trade pact. With the conclusion of the Italy-Japan-Manchuria trade pact, exports of beans and oil to Italy, which up to

this season have been very small, are expected to be of some significance during the coming year. Exports to China and the Japanese Empire will possibly show a moderate increase, and other markets will probably be maintained at last year's level.

Various announcements and statements coming from authorized officials in Manchuria indicate that a production of 184 million bushels by 1941 is planned. Such an increase, which is quite possible, will result in greater competition of soybeans in Europe with competing products from other countries. A part of the increase may be consumed in oriental countries, but trade promotional plans emphasize the selling of larger quantities in foreign markets.

The 1938 acreage planted to soybeans was estimated by the South Manchurian Railway at 9,392,000 acres, compared with the estimate of 9,012,000 acres for 1937. The 1939 acreage may show another small increase in conformity with the general program of increased crop production in Manchuria. Production for 1938 was estimated by the South Manchurian Railway at 170,267,000 bushels, compared with the revised estimate of 159,906,000 bushels for 1937, and was the largest harvest since 1931.

The commercial carry-over of old beans on October 1, 1938, was estimated at 3,700,000 bushels, compared with 2,200,000 bushels for the same date the preceding year.

Soybean prices in Manchuria are somewhat below those of a year ago. At Dairen on December 3 soybeans were quoted at 77 cents per bushel, compared with an average price of 82 cents per bushel for December 1937; soybean oil on December 3 was quoted at 2.73 cents per pound, compared with 3.07 cents per pound for December last season.

Despite efforts to export as many soybeans and soybean products as possible, it seems probable that domestic consumption in Manchuria will remain about the same as last year because of the larger supply, the decreased wheat crop, and the requirements of an equal or larger volume than last year for industrial purposes. Domestic consumption of soybeans usually averages from 25 to 30 percent of the crop.

The German-Manchurian trade pact, as revised on September 15, 1938, calls for German imports of 100 million Manchurian yuan ($28,000,000) worth of Manchurian products, a large part of which will be soybeans, within a period of 1 year ending June 1, 1939. This amount may be increased by an additional sum of 45 million Reichmarks ($18,000,000) if Manchurian takings of German goods exceed the agreed amount of 25 million Manchurian yuan ($7,000,000). According to Manchurian customs statistics, soybean shipments directly to Germany during the prescribed period of the pact just concluded (June 1937 to May 1938) totaled 12,456,000 bushels, which were valued at 38 million Manchurian yuan ($11,000,000).

During this same period, shipments were made to Germany of an additional 25,850 short tons of bean oil valued at 6 million Manchurian yuan ($1,700,000). The new trade pact envisages a considerable increase in German imports of soybeans and bean oil. Observers in the Orient, however, do not believe that Germany is likely to take the full quantity of soybeans specified in the treaty during the current marketing season.

The new trade agreement between Italy, Japan, and Manchuria, concluded on June 5, 1938, calls for Italian imports of 105 million lire ($5,500,000) worth of soybeans and peanuts and 7 million lire ($370,000) of bean oil from Manchuria during a period of 1 year ending September 1, 1939. Exports of soybeans to Italy from September 1937 to August 1938 totaled only 551,000 bushels valued at 1,639,000 Manchurian yuan ($470,000). Bean-oil exports to Italy during this period were insignificant.

MANCHURIA: Exports of soybeans, bean cake and meal, and bean oil, 1937-38, with comparisons

Marketing year (October-September)	Europe	Japan proper a/	China	United States	Others	Total
	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons
Soybeans b/						
Average 1932-33 to 1936-37.....	1,450,851	575,596	148,208	0	137,302	2,311,957
Annual -						
1936-37.....	1,198,682	714,878	156,000	0	127,339	2,196,899
1937-38.....	1,548,732	748,462	83,775	0	100,309	2,481,278
Bean cake and meal						
Average 1932-33 to 1936-37.....	24,028	783,406	149,323	37,681	36,746	1,031,184
Annual -						
1936-37.....	7,954	643,593	125,830	48,657	35,209	861,243
1937-38.....	7,496	720,573	33,510	11,133	149,913	922,625
Bean oil						
Average 1932-33 to 1936-37.....	50,707	619	16,781	3,574	9,618	81,299
Annual -						
1936-37.....	45,544	1,286	4,454	7,101	13,573	71,958
1937-38.....	43,651	441	13,228	1,874	8,047	67,241

American consular reports from Dairen and "Monthly Returns of the Foreign Trade of Manchoukuo."

a/ Excludes Chosen and Taiwan.

b/ 1 short ton equals 33.3 bushels of soybeans.

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UNITED STATES AGRICULTURAL TRADE, JULY-NOVEMBER 1938

Farm exports during the 3 months, September, October, and November, failed to keep up the good showing they were making at the beginning of the fiscal year. As a result, for the July-November period they fell below those of the corresponding months last year. The decline amounts to 3 percent in quantity and 8 percent in value.

Cotton was the principal factor in the decline. Exports of cotton for the first 5 months were 60 million dollars below those of a year earlier. This represents a drop of 41 percent in value and 32 percent in quantity, and took place in spite of increased purchases of United States cotton by Japan. The decline is attributable to large stocks abroad and a price situation unfavorable to the movement of United States cotton into export channels.

Exports of some vegetable oils also declined compared with corresponding exports in 1937.

In the first 5 months of the present marketing season, supplementary, or so-called competitive, imports decreased 34 percent when compared with similar 1937 imports. For the July-November period of 1938, these imports were valued at 178 million dollars, as against 270 million dollars a year ago. Some imports showing advances over those of 1937 were olives and olive oil, poppy, rape, and sesame seed, and a number of the vegetables.

UNITED STATES: Index numbers of the volume of agricultural exports, adjusted for seasonal variations, November 1938, with comparisons (July 1909 - June 1914 = 100)

Commodity or commodity group	October		November			July-November average a/	
	1937	1938	1936	1937	1938	1937	1938
All commodities	82	62	59	83	62	74	72
All commodities except cotton	85	87	38	83	83	68	96
Cotton fiber, including linters	77	45	65	77	46	78	53
Tobacco, unmanufactured	139	190	125	141	139	129	151
Fruits	252	276	93	203	228	246	341
Wheat, including flour	84	52	13	86	69	74	94
Grains and grain products	95	81	13	102	99	82	139
Cured pork b/	14	19	17	20	26	13	19
Lard c/	53	60	28	54	48	31	40

Compiled from official records of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

a/ Average of index numbers not adjusted for seasonal variations.

b/ Includes bacon, hams, shoulders and sides.

c/ Beginning January 1, 1938, includes neutral lard.

UNITED STATES: Exports of principal agricultural products, July-November 1937 and 1938

Commodity exported		July-November a/			
		Quantity		Value	
		1937	1938	1937	1938
ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS:				1,000	1,000
Animals, live:		Thousands	Thousands	dollars	dollars
Cattle	No.	1	1	139	136
Hogs	No.	b/	b/	3	7
Horses	No.	1	b/	293	341
Mules, asses, and burros	No.	1	1	136	284
Dairy products:					
Butter	Lb.	274	1,160	104	315
Cheese-					
Processed cheese & spreads	Lb.	319	305	73	59
Other cheese	Lb.	218	335	53	65
Total cheese	Lb.	537	640	126	124
Milk-					
Fresh and sterilized	Gal.	28	19	19	13
Condensed	Lb.	3,941	1,194	494	126
Dried	Lb.	1,969	4,643	378	843
Evaporated	Lb.	9,413	10,533	685	689
Infants' foods, malted, etc.	Lb.	1,443	1,682	459	537
Eggs, in the shell	Doz.	1,008	766	282	246
Meats and meat products:					
Beef and veal-					
Fresh or frozen	Lb.	1,721	2,235	309	356
Pickled or cured	Lb.	2,266	3,041	268	269
Canned beef, incl. corned	Lb.	876	701	321	204
Total beef and veal	Lb.	4,863	5,977	898	829
Pork-					
Fresh	Lb.	1,208	3,211	237	447
Bacon	Lb.	1,072	4,892	243	614
Hams and shoulders	Lb.	17,096	21,685	3,751	4,204
Sides, Cumber. & Wiltshire	Lb.	4	1,157	1	187
Pickled or salted	Lb.	3,798	6,533	537	630
Canned	Lb.	2,556	3,344	902	1,194
Total pork	Lb.	25,734	40,822	5,671	7,276
Mutton and lamb	Lb.	218	183	41	32
Poultry and game, fresh	Lb.	737	838	187	175
Sausage-					
Canned	Lb.	447	612	142	175
Other sausage	Lb.	522	487	124	109
Other meats-					
Fresh, frozen, or cured	Lb.	6,158	8,838	723	1,090
Canned, incl. canned poultry	Lb.	827	654	110	132
Total meats	Lb.	39,506	58,411	7,896	9,818

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UNITED STATES: Exports of principal agricultural products, July-November 1937 and 1938 - Continued

Commodity exported	Unit	July-November a/ Quantity 1937	Quantity 1938	Value 1937	Value 1938
		Thousands	Thousands	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars
ANIMALS & ANIMAL PROD., CONT'D:					
Meats and meat products, cont'd:					
Meat extracts & bouillon cubes	Lb.	24	25	46	47
Sausage casings	Lb.	10,367	8,131	2,540	1,988
Oils and fats, animal:					
Lard, including neutral	Lb.	61,993	79,594	7,186	6,957
Oleo oil	Lb.	2,535	1,809	319	167
Oleo stock	Lb.	1,347	1,399	167	127
Stearins and fatty acids	Lb.	561	784	55	54
Tallow	Lb.	654	150	55	12
Other animal oils and fats	Lb.	1,888	1,530	183	141
Total animal oils and fats	Lb.	68,978	85,266	7,965	7,458
VEGETABLE PRODUCTS:					
Cotton, unmfd: (Bales of 500 lb.)					
Raw, except linters	Bale	2,738	1,835	149,685	89,235
Linters	Bale	149	122	3,204	1,496
Fruits:					
Fresh-					
Apples in baskets	Bskt.	274	342	464	632
Apples in boxes	Box	2,401	2,459	3,471	3,567
Apples in barrels	Bbl.	504	555	2,003	1,637
Grapes	Lb.	55,807	69,939	2,536	3,093
Grapefruit	Box	179	399	479	746
Lemons	Box	82	379	448	1,050
Oranges	Box	601	2,510	2,218	4,562
Pears	Lb.	100,715	132,687	3,812	4,706
Dried-					
Apples	Lb.	14,026	14,386	1,160	1,081
Apricots	Lb.	18,643	22,677	2,097	2,451
Prunes	Lb.	91,507	112,389	4,154	4,814
Raisins	Lb.	80,392	94,128	4,582	4,611
Canned-					
Apricots	Lb.	14,742	19,965	1,160	1,299
Grapefruit	Lb.	3,947	3,611	246	223
Peaches	Lb.	31,674	50,778	2,468	3,126
Pears	Lb.	25,537	36,100	1,910	2,391
Other canned fruits	Lb.	45,284	51,478	4,178	4,212
Nuts:					
Pecans	Lb.	1,678	2,459	242	352
Walnuts	Lb.	9,407	11,921	937	1,560

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UNITED STATES: Exports of principal agricultural products, July-November 1937 and 1938 - Continued

Commodity exported	Unit	July-November a/ Quantity 1937	Quantity 1938	Value 1937	Value 1938
VEGETABLE PRODUCTS, CONTINUED:				1,000	1,000
Grains, flour, and meal:		Thousands	Thousands	dollars	dollars
Barley, grain (48 lb.).....	Bu.	9,285	8,002	6,594	4,263
Buckwheat, grain (48 lb.).....	Bu.	302	42	218	32
Corn and corn meal-					
Corn, grain (56 lb.).....	Bu.	1,896	46,200	1,183	27,910
Corn meal (196 lb.).....	Bbl.	34	47	156	160
Corn, including corn meal (56 lb.).....	Bu.	2,033	46,387	1,339	28,070
Malt.....(34 lb.).....	Bu.	74	47	138	70
Oats and oatmeal-					
Oats, grain (32 lb.).....	Bu.	5,264	3,791	1,852	1,081
Oatmeal.....	Lb.	7,629	9,298	658	767
Oats, including oatmeal (32 lb.).....	Bu.	5,688	4,308	2,510	1,848
Rice-					
Paddy or rough.....	Lb.	7,277	6,004	190	95
Milled, incl. brown.....	Lb.	123,946	134,645	3,831	3,411
Screenings, broken, flour, etc.	Lb.	250	3,992	9	75
Rye, grain (56 lb.).....	Bu.	3,388	784	2,980	444
Wheat flour-(Bbl. of 196 lb.)					
Wholly from U. S. wheat.....	Bbl.	1,240	1,394	6,430	5,391
Other wheat flour.....	Bbl.	779	777	4,944	3,447
Total wheat flour.....	Bbl.	2,019	2,171	11,374	8,838
Wheat, grain (60 lb.).....	Bu.	23,768	32,224	26,792	24,391
Wheat, including flour.....	Bu.	33,256	42,430	38,166	33,229
Oil cake and oil-cake meal:					
Cottonseed cake and meal.....	L.ton	35	12	970	330
Linseed cake and meal.....	L.ton	128	85	3,920	2,529
Oils, vegetable:					
Coconut oil, edible.....	Lb.	750	607	57	38
Coconut oil, inedible.....	Lb.	3,454	1,328	190	45
Corn oil.....	Lb.	161	51	18	7
Cottonseed oil, crude.....	Lb.	2,065	124	134	6
Cottonseed oil, refined.....	Lb.	2,337	1,508	189	144
Linseed oil.....	Lb.	341	468	40	46
Soybean oil.....	Lb.	1,804	1,599	169	133
Vegetable soap stock.....	Lb.	4,658	3,545	327	179
Oilseeds:					
Soybeans.....	Lb.	71,692	141,016	1,346	1,774
Other oilseeds.....	Lb.	375	1,512	22	57
Sugar (2,000 lb.).....	Ton	26	30	1,205	1,221

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UNITED STATES: Exports of principal agricultural products, July-November 1937 and 1938 - Continued

Commodity exported	Unit	July-November a/ Quantity 1937	Quantity 1938	Value 1937	Value 1938
VEGETABLE PRODUCTS, CONTINUED:				1,000	1,000
Tobacco leaf:		Thousands	Thousands	dollars	dollars
Bright flue-cured	Lb.	180,879	209,489	72,305	82,082
Burley	Lb.	3,670	4,579	863	980
Dark-fired Ky. & Tennessee	Lb.	12,627	15,903	2,167	2,743
Dark Virginia	Lb.	2,748	3,553	727	828
Maryland and Ohio export	Lb.	1,579	1,740	401	380
Green River (Pryor)	Lb.	301	840	57	127
One Sucker leaf	Lb.	144	82	12	11
Black fat, water baler, & dk. Af.	Lb.	3,320	3,500	676	681
Cigar leaf	Lb.	505	1,604	337	386
Perique	Lb.	25	54	12	24
Total leaf tobacco	Lb.	205,798	241,344	77,557	88,242
Tobacco, other than leaf:					
Trimmings and scrap	Lb.	426	259	13	12
Stems	Lb.	4,267	4,664	76	94
Vegetables:					
Beans, green (incl. snap beans)	Lb.	906	1,330	51	49
Beans, dried	Lb.	3,063	6,160	127	227
Onions	Lb.	23,712	29,015	458	557
Peas, green	Lb.	520	575	32	32
Peas, dried	Lb.	3,596	5,577	110	150
Peppers	Lb.	156	209	8	8
Potatoes, white	Lb.	80,920	81,733	921	867
Tomatoes, fresh	Lb.	6,790	5,570	243	184
Vegetables, canned	Lb.	22,123	20,661	2,032	1,739
Misc. vegetable products:					
Cornstarch and corn flour	Lb.	15,096	76,571	487	1,626
Glucose	Lb.	8,505	17,799	281	466
Hops	Lb.	2,370	2,072	432	448
Drugs, herbs, roots, etc.	Lb.	2,757	2,142	509	784
TOTAL PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS				360,918	333,347
TOTAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS				378,951	350,499
TOTAL EXPORTS, ALL COMMODITIES				1,472,133	1,220,764

Compiled from official records of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.
a/ Corrected to January 3, 1939. b/ Less than 500.

UNITED STATES: Imports (for consumption) of principal agricultural products, July-November 1937 and 1938

Commodity imported COMPETITIVE	Unit	July-November a/ Quantity 1937	Quantity 1938	Value 1937	Value 1938
		Thousands	Thousands	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars
ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS:					
Animals, live:					
Cattle, dutiable (by weight)-					
Less than 175 pounds each...	No.	22	16	349	266
175 pounds to 700 pounds each	No.	79	56	1,447	708
700 pounds or more, each-					
Cows for dairy purposes....	No.	3	4	207	248
Other cattle.....	No.	74	66	4,920	2,973
Total cattle (dutiable)..	No.	178	142	6,923	4,195
Cattle, free (for breeding)....	No.	5	4	503	377
Hogs (except for breeding).....	Lb.	5,528	21	528	2
Horses.....	No.	3	2	684	399
Dairy products:					
Butter.....	Lb.	1,010	533	237	140
Casein.....	Lb.	764	203	80	13
Cheese-					
Swiss.....	Lb.	5,641	5,953	1,360	1,410
Cheddar.....	Lb.	1,805	870	282	144
Other cheese.....	Lb.	18,274	18,488	3,839	3,746
Total cheese.....	Lb.	25,720	25,311	5,481	5,300
Cream.....	Gal.	72	b/	108	b/
Milk-					
Condensed and evaporated.....	Lb.	645	326	28	31
Dried and malted.....	Lb.	185	38	20	10
Whole, skimmed, and buttermilk	Gal.	8	1	2	b/
Eggs and egg products:					
Eggs, in the shell.....	Doz.	125	100	26	19
Eggs, whole, dried.....	Lb.	201	49	62	18
Egg yolks, dried.....	Lb.	2,386	137	470	31
Egg albumen, dried.....	Lb.	1,269	308	472	124
Eggs, whole, frozen, etc.	Lb.	0	0	0	0
Egg yolks, frozen, etc.	Lb.	515	133	61	15
Egg albumen, frozen, etc.	Lb.	0	0	0	0
Hides and skins, agricultural c/	Lb.	110,097	91,067	25,616	13,882
Meats and meat products:					
Beef and veal-					
Fresh.....	Lb.	2,488	695	269	65
Pickled or cured.....	Lb.	993	887	87	67
Canned, incl. corned.....	Lb.	42,000	32,831	4,445	3,520
Mutton and lamb, fresh.....	Lb.	20	1	3	b/
Pork-					
Fresh.....	Lb.	9,200	1,358	1,476	233
Hams, shoulders, and bacon...	Lb.	19,232	16,800	5,285	4,459
Pickled, salted and other....	Lb.	2,861	1,002	766	281

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UNITED STATES: Imports (for consumption) of principal agricultural products, July-November 1937 and 1938 - Continued

Commodity imported COMPETITIVE	Unit	July-November a/ Quantity 1937	Quantity 1938	Value 1937	Value 1938
ANIMALS & ANIMAL PRODUCTS, CONT'D				1,000	1,000
Meats and meat products, cont'd:		Thousands	Thousands	dollars	dollars
Poultry and game	Lb.	443	264	143	97
Other meats-					
Fresh	Lb.	400	404	69	79
Canned, prepared, or preserved	Lb.	81	52	22	15
Total meats	Lb.	77,718	54,294	12,565	8,816
Sausage casings	Lb.	6,803	4,655	3,791	2,656
Tallow	Lb.	885	535	45	19
Wool, unmfd., excluding free in bond	Lb.	29,386	19,615	9,293	5,652
VEGETABLE PRODUCTS:					
Coffee imported into Puerto Rico	Lb.	0	0	0	0
Cotton, unmfd: (Bales of 478 lbs.)					
Raw, except linters	Bale	53	83	3,634	3,889
Linters	Bale	7	20	139	206
Feeds and fodders:					
Beet pulp, dried (2,240 lb.)	Ton	3	6	70	127
Bran, shorts, etc.- (2,000 lb.)					
Of direct importation	Ton	19	17	451	251
Withdrawn bonded mills	Ton	41	19	1,014	308
Total bran, shorts, etc.	Ton	60	36	1,465	559
Hay (2,000 lb.)	Ton	9	5	67	33
Oil cake and oil-cake meal-					
Coconut or copra	Lb.	57,295	36,490	879	408
Cottonseed	Lb.	4,241	2,673	46	22
Linseed	Lb.	5,120	8,016	70	111
Soybean	Lb.	29,750	5,366	431	70
Other oil cake and meal	Lb.	15,948	8,365	189	93
Total oil cake and meal	Lb.	112,354	60,910	1,615	704
Fruits:					
Berries, natural state	Lb.	5,841	3,318	384	208
Currants	Lb.	3,883	2,650	225	159
Dates	Lb.	34,023	30,617	1,236	1,017
Figs	Lb.	5,296	4,071	353	277
Grapes	Cu.ft.	11	2	20	5
Lemons	Lb.	2,521	0	97	0
Limes	Lb.	4,950	1,653	118	31
Pineapples-					
Fresh		d/	d/	112	70
Prepared or preserved	Lb.	27,530	24,263	1,350	1,196

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UNITED STATES: Imports (for consumption) of principal agricultural products, July-November 1937 and 1938 - Continued

Commodity imported COMPETITIVE	Unit	July-November a/ Quantity 1937	Quantity 1938	Value 1937	Value 1938
VEGETABLE PRODUCTS, CONTINUED:				1,000	1,000
Fruits, continued:		Thousands	Thousands	dollars	dollars
Raisins	Lb.	353	218	42	22
Olive in brine-					
Green or ripe (not pitted)	Gal.	691	1,285	459	792
Pitted or stuffed	Gal.	873	1,084	921	957
Total olives in brine	Gal.	1,564	2,369	1,380	1,749
Grains and grain products:					
Barley, grain (48 lb.)	Bu.	1,134	b/	983	b/
Barley malt	Lb.	104,260	39,199	3,410	1,056
Corn, grain (56 lb.)	Bu.	34,020	91	24,635	58
Oats, grain (32 lb.)	Bu.	3	2	2	1
Rice-					
Uncleaned	Lb.	3,013	1,731	93	60
Cleaned or milled	Lb.	2,909	2,588	84	83
Patna	Lb.	187	638	4	21
Meal, flour, and broken	Lb.	62,223	16,872	1,193	263
Rye, grain (56 lb.)	Bu.	b/	b/	b/	b/
Wheat, grain-(Bu. of 60 lb.)					
Dutiable at 42¢ per bu.	Bu.	593	12	742	16
Dutiable at 10% ad valorem e/	Bu.	4	23	4	7
Milled in bond for export-					
To Cuba	Bu.	1,032	466	1,281	334
To other countries	Bu.	1,487	2,601	1,793	1,588
Total wheat grain	Bu.	3,116	3,102	3,820	1,945
Wheat, flour-(Bbl. of 196 lb.)					
Dutiable at 1.04¢ per lb.	Bbl.	6	1	37	4
Free in bond for export	Bbl.	0	48	0	128
Wheat, incl. flour	Bu.	3,144	3,335	3,857	2,077
Hops	Lb.	2,476	2,729	734	841
Nuts and preparations		d/	d/	9,313	6,888
Oils, vegetable:					
Coconut oil	Lb.	133,145	152,435	7,954	4,113
Corn oil	Lb.	10,735	9,831	660	586
Cottonseed oil	Lb.	37,024	38,079	2,304	1,704
Linseed oil	Lb.	151	23	9	1
Olive oil, edible	Lb.	16,575	29,056	3,240	3,891
Olive oil, inedible	Lb.	7,996	17,071	858	1,066
Palm-kernel oil	Lb.	57,930	1,833	3,951	67
Palm oil	Lb.	193,980	97,733	7,735	2,663
Peanut oil	Lb.	17,989	11,235	1,167	415
Perilla oil	Lb.	23,949	13,483	1,313	652
Rapeseed oil	Gal.	596	407	269	159
Soybean oil	Lb.	8,628	729	519	36
Sunflower oil	Lb.	0	41	0	2
Tung oil	Lb.	73,712	49,242	8,773	5,190

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UNITED STATES: Imports (for consumption) of principal agricultural products, July-November 1937 and 1938 - Continued

Commodity imported COMPETITIVE	Unit	July-November a/ Quantity 1937	Quantity 1938	Value 1937	Value 1938
VEGETABLE PRODUCTS, CONTINUED:				1,000	1,000
Oilseeds:		Thousands	Thousands	dollars	dollars
Castor beans	Lb.	66,020	37,614	1,688	622
Copra	Lb.	250,818	201,732	7,828	3,202
Flaxseed (56 lb.)	Bu.	8,806	6,506	11,602	8,046
Palm nuts and kernels	Lb.	46,657	22,014	1,411	336
Poppy seed	Lb.	3,669	5,554	270	372
Rapeseed	Lb.	2,517	5,196	83	144
Sesame seed	Lb.	2,109	4,193	95	161
Soybeans	Lb.	76	56	2	2
Seeds, except oilseeds		d/	d/	2,764	2,322
Sugar and molasses:					
Sugar, incl. beet (2,000 lb.)	Ton	1,080	1,339	54,013	54,038
Molasses-					
Unfit for human consumption	Gal.	101,794	65,455	5,361	2,637
Other molasses	Gal.	2,119	3,269	286	632
Total molasses	Gal.	103,913	68,724	5,647	3,269
Tobacco, unmanufactured:					
Leaf	Lb.	24,284	29,903	12,984	17,104
Product of the Philippine Is.	Lb.	2,239	1,507	240	161
Stems, not cut, etc.	Lb.	1,105	1,169	41	39
Tobacco scrap	Lb.	1,254	1,392	371	384
Vegetables:					
Beans-					
Dried	Lb.	9,926	3,737	389	157
Green or unripe	Lb.	549	676	15	19
Chickpeas or garbanzos, dried	Lb.	4,271	3,077	172	118
Garlic	Lb.	360	598	9	19
Onions	Lb.	867	2,258	21	42
Peas, except cowp's & chickp's-					
Dried	Lb.	1,293	421	41	15
Green	Lb.	10	1	b/	b/
Potatoes, white	Lb.	8,889	13,335	127	204
Tapioca, crude, flour, and prep.	Lb.	158,791	91,408	3,072	1,355
Tomatoes, fresh	Lb.	892	2,182	17	39
Turnips	Lb.	52,178	52,421	351	366
Vegetables, canned-					
Mushrooms	Lb.	511	376	132	81
Peas	Lb.	143	151	16	13
Tomatoes	Lb.	24,289	30,609	1,013	1,142
Other vegetables, canned	Lb.	124	82	8	5

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UNITED STATES: Imports (for consumption) of principal agricultural products, July-November 1937 and 1938 - Continued

Commodity imported	Unit	July-November a/			
		Quantity		Value	
COMPETITIVE		1937	1938	1937	1938
VEGETABLE PRODUCTS, CONTINUED:				1,000	1,000
Fibers, vegetable: (2,240 lb.)		Thousands	Thousands	dollars	dollars
Flax, unmanufactured	Ton	1	b/	550	146
Hemp, unmanufactured	Ton	b/	b/	47	75
Jute and jute butts, unmfd. ...	Ton	34	7	2,762	607
Total principal competitive agricultural products				270,143	178,449
NONCOMPETITIVE					
ANIMAL PRODUCTS:					
Silk, raw	Lb.	22,982	25,456	42,260	40,771
Wool, unmanufactured, free in bond for manufacture.....	Lb.	52,288	41,079	15,188	7,252
VEGETABLE PRODUCTS:					
Bananas	Bunch	28,864	24,958	13,450	12,180
Coffee, except through the port of Puerto Rico	Lb.	574,762	799,415	51,985	55,265
Cocoa or cacao beans	Lb.	226,493	226,248	17,639	9,565
Tea	Lb.	38,504	35,416	8,553	7,462
Spices	Lb.	34,307	46,398	3,952	4,590
Drugs, herbs, roots, etc.		d/	d/	4,304	3,918
Fibers, vegetable: (2,240 lb.)					
Kapok, unmanufactured	Ton	3	4	902	1,060
Manila, unmanufactured.....	Ton	14	12	2,703	1,162
Sisal and henequen, unmfd.	Ton	57	47	6,701	3,858
Rubber, crude:					
Milk of, or latex	Lb.	21,650	9,159	4,321	1,495
Guayule	Lb.	3,435	1,861	431	181
Other crude rubber	Lb.	554,993	341,421	101,881	46,397
Total rubber, crude	Lb.	580,078	352,441	106,633	48,073
Total principal agricultural-Noncompetitive products				274,270	195,156
Competitive products				270,143	178,449
TOTAL PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS				544,413	373,605
TOTAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS				582,019	400,313
TOTAL IMPORTS, ALL COMMODITIES...				1,184,466	841,809

Compiled from official records of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. a/ Corrected to January 3, 1939. b/ Less than 500. c/ Excludes the weight of "Other hides and skins", which are reported in pieces only. d/ Reported in value only. e/ Unfit for human consumption.

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UNITED STATES: Exports (domestic) of specified agricultural products, January-November 1937 and 1938, and November 1937 and 1938 a/

Commodity exported	Unit	January-November 1937	January-November 1938	November 1937	November 1938
		Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Bacon	Lb.	2,368	8,820	299	1,299
Hams and shoulders b/	Lb.	35,821	50,061	4,901	5,575
Lard, including neutral	Lb.	114,483	185,405	18,467	16,009
Grains and preparations:					
Barley, grain (48 lb.)	Bu.	10,625	15,483	2,262	728
Corn, grain.. (56 lb.)	Bu.	1,972	143,814	1,713	6,002
Oats, grain.. (32 lb.)	Bu.	5,305	8,465	942	1,321
Rice-					
Paddy or rough	Lb.	11,446	20,191	4,327	1,610
Milled, incl. brown	Lb.	160,243	270,714	24,845	19,096
Flour, meal, etc.	Lb.	448	4,280	239	2,263
Rye, grain... (56 lb.)	Bu.	3,635	3,347	589	21
Wheat-					
Grain ..... (60 lb.)	Bu.	25,204	82,551	6,388	4,893
Flour, wholly of United States wheat (196 lb.)	Bbl.	1,960	3,316	330	295
Fruits:					
Fresh-					
Apples c/	Bu.	6,753	10,088	1,365	1,231
Pears	Lb.	112,397	148,666	17,479	18,454
Oranges	Box	2,163	7,527	143	386
Grapefruit	Box	612	1,034	52	97
Dried-					
Apples	Lb.	22,123	21,836	5,770	5,030
Apricots	Lb.	26,482	34,951	2,785	1,836
Prunes	Lb.	168,969	215,492	28,101	33,470
Raisins	Lb.	129,366	139,169	24,530	26,718
Canned pears	Lb.	59,704	66,323	2,276	10,956
Tobacco leaf:					
Bright flue-cured	Lb.	275,312	338,145	49,357	45,806
Dark-fired Kentucky and Tennessee	Lb.	50,006	45,980	2,464	3,801
Other leaf	Lb.	33,941	36,427	2,403	3,368
Total leaf tobacco	Lb.	359,259	420,552	54,224	52,975
Cotton, excl. linters (Running bales)	Bale	4,977	3,949	797	481

Compiled from official records of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.
a/ Corrected to January 3, 1939. b/ Includes Cumberland and Wiltshire sides.
c/ Includes baskets, boxes, and barrels in terms of bushels.

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UNITED STATES: Imports (for consumption) of specified agricultural products, January-November 1937 and 1938, and November 1937 and 1938 a/

Commodity imported		January-November 1937	January-November 1938	November 1937	November 1938
		Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Animals, live:					
Cattle, dutiable (by weight)-					
Less than 175 pounds each...	No.	81	46	2	2
175 pounds to 700 pounds ea.	No.	218	218	12	24
700 pounds or more, each-					
Cows for dairy purposes...	No.	6	7	1	1
Other cattle.....	No.	182	114	1	27
Total cattle (dutiable).	No.	487	385	16	54
Cattle, free (for breeding)....	No.	11	9	1	1
Hogs (except for breeding)....	Lb.	16,549	56	116	6
Butter	Lb.	10,602	1,551	237	107
Cheese:					
Swiss	Lb.	12,128	12,635	1,292	1,392
Cheddar	Lb.	4,644	1,787	53	126
Other cheese	Lb.	39,145	35,927	4,861	4,407
Total cheese	Lb.	55,917	50,349	6,206	5,925
Eggs & egg products, dried	Lb.	8,428	1,116	399	190
Eggs & egg products, frozen, etc..	Lb.	1,480	478	15	46
Meats:					
Beef and veal, fresh.....	Lb.	4,428	1,562	421	159
Beef, canned, incl. corned....	Lb.	84,742	71,778	6,978	5,946
Pork, fresh	Lb.	19,768	4,037	981	331
Hams, shoulders, and bacon ...	Lb.	44,140	40,015	3,277	3,397
Tallow	Lb.	14,332	1,229	0	75
Wool b/	Lb.	156,454	29,677	4,085	4,496
Grains:					
Corn (56 lb.)	Bu.	86,186	359	177	36
Oats (32 lb.)	Bu.	55	7	c/	2
Rye (56 lb.).....	Bu.	207	c/	0	0
Wheat d/ (60 lb.)	Bu.	8,684	40	c/	32
Barley malt	Lb.	358,662	92,800	8,070	8,048
Oilseeds:					
Copra	Lb.	479,712	459,527	46,670	30,874
Flaxseed (56 lb.)	Bu.	26,360	13,889	1,774	1,565
Oils, vegetable:					
Coconut oil	Lb.	302,526	329,216	31,415	39,792
Palm oil	Lb.	375,767	241,630	48,488	11,859
Perilla oil	Lb.	42,086	29,055	2,792	3,693
Tung oil	Lb.	169,709	99,706	6,369	11,720
Sugar, incl. beet (2,000 lb.).....	Ton	3,047	2,923	153	125
Molasses	Gal.	291,532	171,709	14,912	10,442

Compiled from official records of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. a/ Corrected to January 3, 1939. b/ Excludes wool imported free in bond for use in carpets, etc. c/ Less than 500. d/ Excludes wheat for milling in bond for export.

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COTTON: Price per pound of representative raw cotton at Liverpool, January 6, 1939, with comparisons

Growth	1938 November 18	1938 November 25	1938 December 2	1938 December 9	1938 December 16	1938 December 23	1938 December 30	1939 Jan. 6
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
American -								
Middling	9.96	10.10	10.02	9.67	10.04	10.19	10.18	10.27
Low Middling	8.78	8.65	8.55	8.21	8.58	8.73	8.72	8.82
Egyptian (Fully Good Fair) -								
Sakellaridis	16.35	16.08	15.78	14.84	14.94	14.75	14.46	14.46
Uppers	12.64	12.40	12.28	11.77	11.89	11.78	11.69	11.69
Brazilian (Fair) -								
Ceara	8.88	8.94	8.85	8.50	8.87	9.02	9.01	9.11
Sao Paulo	9.56	9.61	9.53	9.18	9.55	9.70	9.69	9.79
East Indian -								
Broach (Fully Good)	7.64	7.80	7.60	7.45	7.69	7.87	7.85	7.85
C.P. Oomra No. 1, Superfine	7.88	8.03	7.83	7.68	7.92	8.16	8.14	8.14
Sind (Fully Good)	6.96	6.96	6.66	a/	a/	a/	a/	a/
Peruvian (Good) -								
Tanguis	12.70	12.71	12.65	12.29	12.67	12.81	-	-

Converted at current exchange rates.
a/ Not quoted.

UNITED STATES: Exports of cotton to principal foreign markets, annual 1936-37 and 1937-38, and the seasons August 1-January 5, 1937-38 and 1938-39 a/
(Running bales)

Country to which exported	Year ended July 31 1936-37	Year ended July 31 1937-38	August 1 - January 5 1937-38	August 1 - January 5 1938-39
	1,000 bales	1,000 bales	1,000 bales	1,000 bales
United Kingdom	1,221	1,630	1,104	276
Continental Europe	2,594	3,047	1,988	1,106
Total Europe	3,815	4,677	3,092	1,382
Japan	1,593	728	159	483
Other countries	380	541	290	175
Total	5,788	5,946	3,541	2,040
Linters	277	270	133	104
Total	5,511	5,676	3,408	1,936

Compiled from the Weekly Stock and Movement Report, New York Cotton Exchange.
a/ Includes linters.

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BUTTER: New Zealand grading, 1938-39 season to December 31, with comparisons

Date	1936-37	1937-38	1938-39
Week ended	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Aug. 6 to Sept. 24..	35,353	35,224	28,661
October 1.....	7,560	7,896	5,936
8.....	8,120	8,008	6,776
15.....	8,960	8,680	7,706
22.....	9,744	9,744	8,120
29.....	9,520	9,016	8,344
Monthly total.....	43,904	43,344	36,882
November 5.....	10,360	10,584	8,764
12.....	11,200	10,248	9,324
19.....	10,920	10,248	9,912
26.....	10,976	10,640	9,744
Monthly total.....	43,456	41,720	37,744
December 3.....	10,696	10,696	9,520
10.....	11,032	10,248	9,856
17.....	10,730	11,144	9,800
24.....	7,168	9,520	10,640
31.....	12,208	10,304	9,408
Monthly total.....	51,834	51,912	49,524
Total to December 31	174,547	172,200	152,811

Agricultural Attache C. C. Taylor, London.

BUTTER: Australian grading, 1938-39 season to December 17, with comparisons

Date	1936-37	1937-38	1938-39
Week ended	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
July 9-Aug. 27.....	20,868	18,781	29,156
October 1.....	3,721	3,842	5,340
8.....	4,059	4,467	4,789
15.....	4,731	4,870	5,540
22.....	4,525	5,660	6,614
29.....	4,988	5,640	6,550
Monthly total.....	22,024	24,479	28,833
November 5.....	4,997	6,044	6,651
12.....	5,096	6,561	7,484
19.....	5,696	7,571	8,239
26.....	5,042	7,338	7,506
Monthly total.....	20,831	27,514	29,880
December 3.....	5,233	8,411	7,918
10.....	4,944	7,159	7,121
17.....	4,384	7,177	7,464
Total to December 17	78,284	93,521	110,372

Weekly Dairy Produce Notes, Imperial Economic Committee, London.

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BUTTER: Price per pound in New York, San Francisco, Copenhagen, and London, January 5, 1939, with comparisons

Market and description	January 6, 1938	December 29, 1938	January 5, 1939
	Cents	Cents	Cents
New York, 92 score	34.5	27.8	26.5
San Francisco, 92 score	32.5	30.5	29.0
Copenhagen, official quotation	24.5	24.5	24.4
London:			
Danish	30.1	30.1	30.0
New Zealand	25.0	23.3	24.1
Netherland	26.0	26.0	26.4

Foreign prices converted at current rates of exchange.

PORK PRODUCTS: Price per 100 pounds at Liverpool, January 6, 1939, with comparisons a/

Market and item	Week ended		
	January 7, 1938	December 30, 1938	January 6, 1939
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
First quality -			
American green bellies	18.09	15.54	15.32
Danish Wiltshire sides	22.33	20.39	20.70
Canadian green sides	19.20	18.00	17.84
American short cut green hams	18.87	20.36	Nominal
American refined lard	11.31	9.49	8.99

Quotations are on the basis of sales from importer to wholesaler.
a/ Converted at current rate of exchange.

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URUGUAY: Acreage and production of specified crops, 1933-34 to 1938-39

Year	Acreage			Production		
	Wheat	Oats	Flaxseed	Wheat	Oats	Flaxseed
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
1933-34	1,189	213	259	14,674	3,218	2,876
1934-35	1,099	193	401	10,672	2,219	3,402
1935-36	1,267	205	311	15,096	3,821	3,007
1936-37	986	179	356	9,246	1,999	3,011
1937-38	1,375	221	332	16,575	3,329	3,728
1938-39	1,342	262	455	15,285	5,374	5,039

International Institute of Agriculture, Rome, and official sources.

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